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1. On 16 September 1949, six Rumanian oil engineers and eleven Rumanian oil refinery foremen belonging to Petrolifera Muntenia, left Rumania for Germany, Soviet Zone, where they are to take a course in the synthetic fuel section of Deutsche-Russische Naptha A.G.
2. The course at this factory formerly lasted six months, but the Soviet directors of Petrolifera Muntenia asked for the period of instruction to be cut down to four months in view of the shortage of skilled personnel in Rumania, where the Soviet authorities are intensifying their efforts to open up new oil wells in order to increase the output in 1950 by 21.7 percent compared with 1949.
3. Rumanian specialists reported that any such increase was impossible since existing wells are drying up, boring material supplied by the Soviets is defective on arrival, and there is a lack of experienced specialists, many of the Soviet engineers being incompetent.

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